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ILLEGAL ALIEN INDICTED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING

- \$50,000 worth of cocaine and methamphetamine

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **Emilio Villegas-Martinez**, age 27, of Boston, Kentucky, in Nelson County, on charges of possession with intent to distribute and distribution of cocaine and methamphetamine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on or about March 29, April 3, and April 5, 2007, Villegas-Martinez possessed with the intent to distribute and distributed cocaine, and that on or about April 5, 2007, he knowingly and intentionally possessed with the intent to distribute 150 grams or more of cocaine and 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. Both the cocaine and methamphetamine are worth at least \$50,000 each on the street. Further investigation revealed that Villegas-Martinez is a citizen of Mexico who is illegally present in the United States. Deportation proceedings will commence upon the completion of this criminal prosecution.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$8,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least five years; and the minimum potential penalties are ten years imprisonment and supervised release for a period of at least five years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Hardin County Drug Task Force.

Villegas-Martinez is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on July 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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